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The supreme court of Iowa has just decided a case which will probably result in the death of many vicious dogs. It was the case of Cameron vs. O'Brien, an action to recover damages from the owner of a dog that barked and frightened the plaintiff's horse. The plaintiff was thrown and injured, and brought suit for \$1,500 damages. The jury gave him a verdict for that amount, and the owner of the dog appealed to the supreme court. The supreme court confirmed the verdict, and says in strong words that the owners of barking and vicious dogs are responsible for all damages caused by such dogs, and that the owners keep them at their own peril.

### A Tender "Handed Tramp."

Robert James Gordon, a casual, declined to break stone in return for food and shelter at the Newcastle workhouse, and doubtless much to the surprise of the workhouse authorities successfully resisted the proceedings taken against him for that act of non-compliance. Being called on in the Newcastle police court to explain his refusal, Mr. Gordon, who appears to be an educated man and is described as speaking "logically and fluently," asked the bench to consider what such work meant to a man like him.

His hands would, he said, become quite lacerated, and were he a clerk or a tailor the result would be that in searching for employment afterward he would be unable to follow it. In the case of a shorthand writer, too, he asked how he would be able to write 130 words per minute if his hands were mangled in the way they assuredly would be after breaking a ton of stone. His chances of gaining work were thus minimized, and he "submitted respectfully" that according to law the master of the workhouse did not use any of the discretion which the regulations directed him to use.

After the magistrates had consulted together for some time, the chairman stated that the bench could not agree upon a decision, and that the defendant would thus get the benefit of the circumstance. Personally, he added, he should certainly have punished him, but his colleague being of a different opinion they had concluded to dismiss the case.—London News.

### One Consultation.

On the dock at Tripoli may be seen a curious collection of articles. They represent import and export taxes and are sold by the customs officials. The import tax is 8 per cent of the value; and the export tax is 1 per cent. If any one refuses to pay the tax, the officials take possession of one-eighth of the merchandise.

Some time ago a European foreign minister visited Tripoli in the service of his country. He had with him 300 visiting cards. When a tax was demanded on these, he was angry and refused to pay it. A high official of the government was summoned to settle the matter. He solemnly confiscated 8 per cent of the merchandise in question, 24 visiting cards.

"Very well, keep them," cried the frate ambassador, "keep them. I resign myself. I shall not be obliged to pay you a visit of ceremony for 24 years."—Youth's Companion.

### On Rainier's Top.

The first party to reach the top of Mount Rainier this year made the trip about five weeks ago. It has been generally thought that it would be impossible to reach the summit this year because of the immense amount of snow that fell last winter. Dr. Joseph Felix, professor of geology in the university at Leipzig, who climbed Rainier three weeks ago, pronounces it far more interesting than any of the mountains of Europe or of Mexico. Mount Rainier has 17 glaciers, 3 large volcano craters at its summit and several other craters along its sides.

### Found a Nugget Worth \$992.50.

One of the luckiest nuggets of gold ever brought into Los Angeles was shown the other day by John R. Reed, a well known California miner, who has lately been prospecting in the gold district 40 miles northeast of Mojave. The nugget weighs exactly 564 ounces and is worth \$992.50. It is in appearance like a medium sized cobblestone and has evidently been twice as big as it now is, for there is a mark showing where half of it has been broken off. Mr. Reed unfortunately could not find the missing half.—San Francisco Examiner.

The city of Albany has been beautified by the unveiling of the King Memorial fountain. The statue, which is the work of J. Henry Rhind, is illustrative of childhood, youth, manhood and age gathered about the rock of Horus.

### A MOTHER.

Could I but have my baby back again From the dim vastness of the great unknown, How would I ease my poor heart's silent pain As I sit here in shadow and alone!

That heaven is vast but makes me more afraid, Who shall its hesitating footsteps guide? Far cooler the nest my love had made, Or so my heart feels, since my baby died.

Cold was the night it left my bosom warm— A night of wintry tempest harsh and wild! Into that world of darkness and of storm Went forth alone my little tottling child.

I say alone, for who hears angels' feet Pause at the threshold, though we dream they come? We hear not even death, the robber fleet! We only know a void is in our home.

Mother! the very name is sorrow's own, A synonym for heartache and for trial; 'Tis she must tread the wine press all alone, And when the tears would start must wear a smile.

What is the faith of priest, of Christian brother, Of milder bishop, though they kiss the rod? Weak seems their worship when a trusting mother Yields up her pretty, smiling babe to God.

—Arkansas Traveler.

### In a Hurry to Get There.

"I fear we will never get down town at this slow pace," said a restless, pale faced woman as she handed her fare to a Third Avenue surface conductor the other night.

For a time the conductor was silent. Then, turning, he whispered:

"Do you see the glitter in her eyes?"

"Yes, very plainly."

"In another hour she will be crazy."

As the car rolled down the Bowery the woman looked through the window, and the light fell full in her face. Her eyes gleamed red and bright. Then the conductor leaned in at the door and said:

"It isn't far now—only a few blocks more."

"You fool," she replied, "how dare you drive so slowly! Had I known this I should have come another way," and half rising from her seat she glared through the door.

The conductor smiled sadly. "If ever there was a hopeless case," he muttered, "hers is one."

"Have you known her long?" was asked.

"Yes, a year or more. She often comes down on my late run. At first she was quiet enough, but now she grows worse and worse."

"What caused her insanity?"

"Insanity?" and he turned as though in astonishment. "Why, she is not insane. She hits the pipe. Wait till we get to the Chinese district and you will see."

His words were true. She left the car at Mott street.—New York Herald.

### Women and Actors.

Capoul, the French tenor, was the recipient of volumes of letters from lady admirers both here and in Paris. On the English stage, besides Mr. Irving, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Hare and Mr. Bancroft have been overwhelmed with a goodly number. But I am told by one who knows that no actor living ever received such a number of admiring epistles from the fairer sex as the late John Clayton.

Among actresses Mrs. Bancroft has perhaps been treated to the kindest attentions. Mrs. John Wood, too, on the first or last night of her play had always her dressing room converted into a perfect bower of flowers, and little gifts of jewelry literally poured in upon her. There was one bangle with the inscription "Bless your art." Whether it was Mrs. Wood's heart or art that was blessed remains a riddle to this day.—London Gentlewoman.

### The Mexican Boundary Line.

The international boundary line between the United States and the republic of Mexico is marked by pyramids of stone placed at irregular distances along the line all the way from the Rio Grande to the Pacific ocean. Wherever it was found practicable to do so these pyramids were built on prominent peaks at road crossings, fords, etc. The line was not surveyed, as is the usual custom, the location of the monuments being based on astronomical calculations and observations.—St. Louis Republic.

### A Frightened Man.

Fogg—Munnivorth was always a frightened man, and his ventures were almost invariably successful.

Fogg—But what good is he to society? He will give money for the heathen, thousands of miles away, but he never can see the suffering right at home.

Fogg—I said he was a frightened man.—Boston Transcript.

### All Is Grist to the Grindstone.

Flossie (little daughter of a newspaper woman)—Oh, mamma, Mabel and I have a lovely secret about our dolls. I'd like to tell you, only—

Her Mother—Only what, Flossie?

Flossie—Only I'm afraid you'd write it up.—New York Times.

An authority on weather declares that tornadoes are most frequent between noon and 6 o'clock, and that the rainiest hour of the day is 4 o'clock in the afternoon. This is the report of a meteorological expert, not a weather prophet.

The Ekimoe Bulletin is the only journal published within the arctic circle. It is printed at Cape Prince of Wales, Alaska, and is issued only once a year.

## HELLOING 1,300 MILES

### LONG DISTANCE AND SHORT CIRCUIT TELEPHONES.

Who Use the Former and What They Use Them For—The Charges Seem High, but They Permit the Use of Considerable Conversation—A Lecture For Test Call.

A continuous long distance telephone line extends between Boston and Milwaukee, a distance, as the line is run, of 1,300 miles.

A reporter who was wondering, as many other people are wondering, no doubt, if the long distance telephone circuits are much used, and if so by what class of people and for what purposes, called to ask those questions of Edward P. Meany, assistant general manager of the company, in the main office, at 18 Cortlandt street.

"Yes," said Mr. Meany, "the long distance service is used to such a satisfactory extent that it is being constantly extended. In the far western part of our territory Milwaukee has been added to the system, and this side of Chicago a line has recently been run down from Toledo to Dayton O., and from Dayton extensions are making which will bring Cincinnati and Indianapolis into the service."

"What class of interviews is most conducted over the longer circuits?"

"I should say that social and domestic affairs bring most of the patrons now, although there are some business interviews conducted."

Mr. Meany explained that the charges for long distance interviews are based upon five minutes' conversation as a unit. That is, the charge between New York and Washington is \$2, between New York and Chicago \$3, for each five minutes or portion of that time. This does not include the time used in making the connection or bringing the parties to the ends of the line. All subscribers to the long distance telephone can be connected with the circuits just as they are in the local business. If a man is wanted who is not a subscriber to the long distance service, he is hunted up and brought to a central station without charge.

When two people get fairly started on a long distance interview, they can talk from 400 to 600 words in five minutes, according to the subject and their familiarity with it. It is a fact that most interviews end before the unit of time has elapsed. One New York woman who had her son at South Bend, Ind., where he is at school, called up anxiously, asked her startled hopeful if he had put his winter flannels in his trunk, if he had not maliciously carried off his father's razor and if his tooth had stopped aching. Being satisfactorily answered on all these points, she paid for the service and went on her way rejoicing.

Business men chiefly use the long distance service to consult about terms of contracts or to report the text of contracts which must be repeated to insure accuracy.

The chief difference between the long distance and the short circuits is that in the former what is called a metallic service is used—that is, in talking between New York and Chicago, a distance of 1,000 miles, the service is really over 2,000 miles of wire, as the wire, instead of being grounded at both ends to complete the circuit, is doubled or looped to make the complete circuit metallic. The instructions for speaking and listening are the same as those printed for the use of the ordinary telephone, and the result, so far as hearing is concerned, is rather better over a thousand miles than over one. This is owing to the metallic circuit, which does away with the maddening burr-r-r resulting from induction and from the use of a heavier and superior copper wire. The wire used in the long distance service weighs 870 pounds a mile, the ordinary service wire weighing but 340 pounds.

Mr. Meany said that while there was no mechanical reason why the service should not be continued across the continent, it is not probable that, for the present at least, it will go beyond the Mississippi river, owing to the great cost of construction, operating and maintenance expenses. When these facts had been given to the reporter, Mr. Meany asked if a chat with Chicago would not aid an understanding of the subject. The reporter thought it might, and Mr. Meany drew toward him a movable standard telephone instrument and called up Chicago. That active city quickly responded, and the telephone was turned over to the reporter. The thousand-mile-away voice began in a clear ringing voice, "This is the World's fair telephone exchange station."

"That's all right," said the reporter. "I'm a Sun man and wanted to hear your voice."

Then it laughed and said in a natural manner:

"I have to answer about 90 'test' calls a day, and so have made up a little lecture which I give them free."

Then a conversation of several minutes followed, unbroken by a "burr-r-r," a "zip-zip" or a single "what's that?"—New York Sun.

### A Life Line Suggestion.

It is evidently a veteran sailor who makes the suggestion that, as a vessel always goes ashore to leeward, and the life line shot from the shore must therefore be fired against the wind, and with all the difficulties which this implies, every vessel should carry a supply of rockets, which, attached to deep sea log line and signal haliards, would connect them much more speedily with the shore.—Boston Transcript.

### Shut Machinery.

The Safety Valve calls attention to the fact that the problem of silent machinery has been solved by a firm in Vienna. This firm is manufacturing cogwheels of pressed wood. The new wheels have, it is claimed, great strength, and they do not require lubrication. On the other hand, they are very expensive, and are consequently unlikely to come into general use.

## SEES A HEADLESS GHOST.

Remarkable Story Told by a Prominent Tennessee Farmer.

The residents in and around Burns post office, in the county of Dickson, Tenn., are greatly wrought up over the appearance in broad daylight of an apparition. The following is a statement made by Mr. Terrell, a prominent farmer, who saw the strange spectacle, and it is reliably vouched for:

"I have visited the haunted spot and seen the ghost. The place where the apparition is most frequently seen is in a sag just beyond the noted McNairy cut, about a mile east of Burns station, on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad. It was in the forenoon when I approached the spot, walking quietly, and concealed myself where I could have a good view of the headless mystery should it materialize. I had not long to wait until the apparition made its appearance, and I know that I was not the least excited when I saw the ghost moving along the railroad track about 200 yards distant. It did not seem to move with any object in view, nor did it apparently make any progress in its travel, yet it looked to be moving all the time. It was in the form of a large, chubby man and it was plainly to be seen that the object had no head. Aside from this it appeared to be a perfect man. Taking my tourist glasses from my pocket the headless monster was apparently within ten feet of me. A thrill of terror crept over me as I beheld it moving aimlessly about, a man without a head. The bleeding neck appeared as if it had been severed with a sword, while the arteries and veins constantly blubbered and spurted blood-stained foam. I removed the glasses and the ghost was where I first saw it. I turned to flee, but hesitated, and then determined to go to it. As I approached it neither came forward nor retreated. It vanished completely. I returned to my first place and saw it as before. Then several men came up the track and I heard their story unmingled with my own and it corresponds with mine. They had seen the object also."

"I do not believe that any living mortal can explain the presence of this mysterious human body. McNairy cut has been haunted for years. It was here that during the late war the noted bushwhacker McNairy committed many bloody deeds. Two trains collided here, and the engineer, named Johnson, was caught between the engine and his body cut from his legs, and lifted from a roasting pyre to die. It was here also that an unknown negro was numbered a short while ago."

"I confess I do not believe in ghosts, but it may be that away down in the silent depths of nature, where mortality ceases and immortality begins, there is a power that reflects back to mother earth the image of the deeds that have angered and defied the justice loving God of the universe."

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